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Kaimin is a Salish word for messages

Friday, October 4, 1996

A chip off the old block. . .



Ann Williamson/Kaimin

SKIP LENINGER of Reynolds Construction picks out the letters stenciled in for the "Recipients of Honorary Doctorates," circle. "Then we sand blast through it. And hope it all works right," said Leninger. The circle will be dedicated May 17, 1997.

A virtual place is no place at all

Gretchen Schwartz
Kaimin Reporter

Hermes, the wing-footed Greek god of swift communication, has evolved into the messenger of the internet, intoxicating users but playing games with western civilization, author and psychologist James Hillman told a crowd of 350 at Urey Lecture Hall last night.

"Hermetic intoxication" excludes the arts, subtleties and sensations of human communication. The personal computer is the altar to this monotheistic god, Hillman said in his lecture, titled

"Intoxicated by Hermes: The No-Place of Cyberspace."

But in every myth, this ancient god of swift communication is also a god of deception, he said, and internet users need to have a hermetic awareness. Monotheism or omnipotence, he said, can be intoxicating, he said.

What Hermes takes away is the enriching social skills that have taken centuries to elaborate. In cyberspace they have no meaning, he said.

"You can sit at a computer naked, unshaven and communicate with the world," Hillman said. "There isn't enough body, soul and social ... There isn't enough Africa in it."

Communication is a layered interaction to know the message, the sender and the receiver, he said. In the process, communication teaches us about ourselves.

The cure is to pair Hermes with Hestia, the Greek goddess of the hearth. Hestia rules in the home and has skills of record keeping, holding and giving focus, Hillman said.

It's appropriate that much internet interaction is sexual, Hillman said, for Hermes was a very phallic figure, illustrated with the cock and the ram.

In statues of Hermes, there is only a stone slab between the head and the phallus, leaving out a body of inwardness, he said. The heart, stomach and gut are blank, he said.

But unlike this fleeting and phallic god, Hestia is a puritan who represents place. In a world of Hermes, Hestia

becomes mad and seeks to balance the equation, resulting in excesses of both, Hillman said. People are dying over 'place' as 'place' becomes irrelevant.

"We're trying to wear Hermes' sandals on our feet—living our schedules, not our days," Hillman said. "It's the latest form of American escapism and it's all about what's coming down the road."

The future is an unknown, therefore it cannot be stated in the present tense, he said. There "is" no future, he said.

Hestia, in contrast to Hermes, gives attention to the city and home. "The fire of Hestia burns in our homes and in city hall. Negating Hestia makes us all homeless," he said.

The lecture was part of a cyberspace symposium is sponsored by the Center for the Rocky Mountain West. UM professors Albert Borgmann and Bill Chaloupka will respond to Hillman's lecture with "Home Place in Cyberspace?" at 4:00 p.m. in the Old Milwaukee Station.

do the same thing this term," he said.

Klein said he doubted if Greeks at MSU had even called UM's fraternities about it.

The MSU Dean's offices doesn't talk with Greek leaders very often, Klein said.

UM Dean of Student's Barbara Hollmann meets with All-Greek Advisor Lynda Butler a couple times a month.

That close relationship, in addition to recent brouhahas on UM's fraternity row, created a different relationship between UM's administration and fraternities that Klein said makes Missoula's dry Greek system appropriate.

"I don't know if it would work here," he said.

Health plan has staff seeing red

■ State offers temporary alternative

Jennifer Brown
Kaimin Reporter

UM employees have an alternative to the university health insurance plan, but there are no guarantees that the system will be any better, union representatives told staff members Thursday.

Representatives of the Montana Public Employee Association told union members Thursday that joining the state of Montana employee health plan might be in their best interests, at least for a while.

More than 200 angry UM staff members expressed discontent over the proposed university system employee health plan that could more than double their premiums and cut certain benefits.

In an effort to ease their worries, union representatives told staff members that although the Montana employee health plan offers fewer benefits, it could save them money in the long run.

"The state plan is wagging its tail for you," said Tom Schneider, executive director of MPEA.

But Schneider said there are no guarantees. Just because more people were insured under the state plan doesn't necessarily mean pre-

miums would decrease, he said, adding that it all depends on the number of claims and the expense of those claims.

In addition, Schneider said the state of Montana employee plan doesn't offer as many benefits as the current university system plan. The state employee plan doesn't offer vision coverage as a mandatory benefit, but as an additional option. The plan covers 75 percent of major medical costs, compared to 80 percent in the university system plan.

"If you think the easiest option is to run over to the state plan, you've got to be prepared to see a reduction in benefits," he said. "I'm not very proud of the state plan either."

Vision coverage was eliminated from the preliminary university plan, but reintroduced at an executive committee meeting after many staff and faculty members registered complaints.

Schneider said the state plan can't legally bar university employees from joining.

Questioning committee actions

Schneider also criticized the committee that developed the

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FUMIKO DUDINCK, of Missoula, holds her certificate of citizenship which she received yesterday after 23 years in the U.S. Born in Okinawa, Duddinck plans to become a UM student this spring.

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Jordan La Rue/Kaimin

Despite death, no dry Greeks for MSU

Jennifer McKee
Kaimin Reporter

Fraternities at UM may be thirsty, but officials at the state's other university say their boys won't ban booze, despite a recent alcohol-related death of an Montana State University fraternity member.

"We haven't even talked about it," said MSU's dean of students, Denny Klein.

A member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity at MSU died early Sunday morning after he fell off of a moving car while intoxicated. The driver of the vehicle now faces negligent homicide charges, Klein said.

MSU officials don't have a

close relationship with the university's Greek system, he said, although he added the school hopes to enforce a ban on underage drinking in the houses soon.

"That's going to be very challenging to put into place," he said.

Fraternities there have until the end of the semester to draft a proposal prohibiting minors from drinking in Greek houses.

UM's alcohol-free fraternities haven't chimed those at MSU into a similar ban, Klein said, and rumors of the Missoula policy are little more than chat between classes for many MSU Greeks.

"It's influenced [MSU] only from the standpoint that some students believe we are going to

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Opinion

Let students elect homecoming court

The Homecoming festivities are almost upon us, and with them comes the hallowed institution of choosing the Homecoming royalty.

Every year a king and queen are chosen to represent the best aspects of the students of the University of Montana.

Unfortunately, the students of UM have almost no part in choosing these people, and the bulk of us usually don't even know or care who they are.

Kaimin editorial

The royalty can be nominated by their peers or they can submit themselves for selection. All the hopefuls go through a process strikingly similar to applying for a scholarship.

They submit their transcripts, make a list of their activities and involvements and generally sell themselves to the judges, a group of faculty, staff and alumni chosen by the Advocates.

Essentially, then, the only involvement students have in the selection process comes from nominations and selecting judges.

By contrast, Montana State University still holds elections for its royalty, and candidates must actively campaign for these positions.

This year, MSU will change its royalty format from the traditional king-and-queen structure to an ambassador-style system. The elected representatives are required to interact positively with the community and promote the university, meaning that students can feel proud of the ambassadors they elected.

Perhaps it's not necessary to return to the "popularity contest" type of election process that has been employed in the past, but most students at UM feel little or no ownership or pride about the Homecoming royalty.

In fact, few students could name last year's king and queen, much less the entire court.

The royalty are expected to represent, in a sense, the best that UM has to offer. Yet it is simply not accurate to say that those chosen represent the students of UM.

No, they're not elected officials. They're not ASUM senators or executives or committee members.

But as the MSU changeover shows, the royalty can be more than just figureheads who preside over the Homecoming celebrations.

School spirit is sporadic at best at UM, usually emerging when the Griz win the championship or some similar event, but the Homecoming royalty could be one way to interest students in their own representation.

Maybe Homecoming should be a popularity contest. At least then students would know who they picked.

Molly Wood

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Who says laundry has to be dull?

Column by

Alan Miller

Ever wonder what laundromats and toilet paper have in common?

Me neither, but they happen to both be topics of this week's edition of Yer Town, in which my fellow quality goods and service seekers and I vainly search all over Missoula each week for the best values.

Now some of you folks living in deluxe pads and every last one of you dorm dwellers, who have daily access to washers and dryers, might be thinking, "What the heck do I care about laundromats?"

Well, smartypants, where else but laundromats are you and your laundry buddies going to get to ride around in laundry carts, play the latest hit video games like "Ms. Pacman," and buy Bermuda shorts abandoned long ago by forgetful customers - all in one hip locale?

As far as sheer entertainment goes, Grimebusters next to the Tremper Shopping Center beats 'em all. It features a 97-inch big-screen TV, a soap dispenser with lard-based detergents, and oodles of "vintage" clothing that would make your

grandpa point and chuckle.

Hot Tip: Most places cost \$1.25 for a good-size soak and \$1 to get the soggy out, so shop around for ambience and folks

who really don't mind a little harmless laundry cart race.

The undisputed prize for the most misleading Laundromat name goes to Highlander Laundry, which, I was bluntly informed, is not named for Duncan McCleod of the Clan McCleod.

Its commitment to quality is best captured by signs reading "Beware of Ceiling Drips" and another encouraging one reading "All Machines Left Unattended Will Be Emptied At Customer's Expense."

I also discovered that "No Children in Laundry Carts" really should read "No Children or College Students and Their Buddies in Laundry Carts or We Will Have to Ask You to Leave, Mr. Miller."

Now on to a subject as yet unprobed by even the most hard-hitting, incisive journalists—toilet paper. If you think that all TP prices are the same, boy are you wiping up the wrong

tree, pal.

When you really gotta go, you really gotta go to Tidyman's on Brooks Street. It features a 24-pack of Charmin two-ply for \$5.99, as well as a ZEE 24-pack for \$3. Zee is perfect if you have steel bowels and don't mind Soviet-style softness.

Unfortunately, Buttrey's prices on TP didn't keep going down, down, low enough to beat Tidyman's.

The environmentally responsible who don't mind recycled toilet paper and just a few small wood slivers should definitely choose Green Forest, which is, according to one of my expert quality goods and service seekers, "a happy medium between Charmin and cardboard."

I'll leave you until next week with these hot tips: Word has it that El Topo Azul on Higgins Avenue has yummy food for just a few pesos. The UC Market has 30-cent tea, 25-cent RC-Cola, 7-UP, and A&W, if yer really, really broke. See ya all next week and keep those e-mail messages rolling in to: voyager@selway.umd.edu.

Alan Miller studied at home for his specialized degree in TV/VCR Repair, without ever setting foot in a classroom.

State needs growth, better paying jobs

Montana's revised welfare system stresses education and job training. The hope is that welfare recipients who are better able to compete in the job market will have a better chance to become independent of government assistance.

It's an obvious and sensible goal, but finding good jobs in Montana isn't always easy, even for many college graduates.

At last report, there were a lot of jobs in Montana. The unemployment rate was fairly low. New Census Bureau information, however, puts the state's economy in somewhat better perspective.

Montana's per capita income has been among the lowest in the nation for years. In 1995, the Census Bureau reports, per capita income in the Treasure State was \$18,445. Only five states, Arkansas, Mississippi, New Mexico, Utah and West

Virginia, had lower per capita incomes.

Montana's per capita income in 1995 was just over 4 percent higher than in 1994. That was one of the smallest percentage improvements in the nation, leaving the state 42nd in 1994-95 per capita income growth.

Other figures are worse. Median household income in Montana was \$27,757 in 1995. That was a drop from 1994, when it was \$28,414. Nationally, median household income rose from \$33,178 in 1994 to \$34,076 in 1995.

The task for Montana is to find ways to encourage growth in the kind of jobs that pay well and provide some benefits.

As University of Montana sociologist Paul Miller told a legislative committee last year, there are jobs and there are jobs. The bulk of Montana job growth, he said, is in low-pay service jobs.

Such jobs will always be part of Montana's economy, because they are part of the state's tourist-oriented service industry, but the state needs to find ways to promote the kind of economy that will offer something better.

State government can help to some extent. Sometimes selective tax breaks are useful in encouraging business growth. The state also can help provide the kind of educational opportunities that will qualify young people to perform in jobs that require special skills and knowledge.

The latest Census snapshot of Montana's economy shows how important it is for state government to do what it can to boost the kind of economic development that will provide decent incomes for Montana workers. It doesn't do much good to train welfare recipients or college students for jobs that aren't there.

—The Montana Standard

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p.m., Gallery of Visual Arts, Social Science Building, free.
Fall reading series — by George Saunders, author of "Bounty" and "Civil War Land in Bad Decline," 8 p.m., Gallagher Service Building room 106, free.

Lecture — "Home Place in Cyberspace?" Albert Borgmann, philosophy professor, Bill Chaloupka, Environmental Studies professor, 4-6 p.m., Milwaukee Station, sponsored by the

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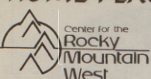
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RESPONDING TO LAST NIGHT'S LECTURE BY DR. JAMES HILLMAN

Japan native enrolls at age 50

Hideto Masukawa
Kaimin Reporter

When Fumiko Dudnick became a U.S. citizen yesterday, it was a culmination of 23 years of hard work, a trip through an adult learning center and just the beginning of her dreams.

She's ready for her next big challenge: The University of Montana.

"My dream is to graduate from a university," the 50-year-old Japanese native said. Dudnick plans to enroll this spring at UM as a business major. When she graduates, she said she wants to start her own business, help the Missoula community and give high school dropouts a chance to succeed.

But until then, she'll be focusing on her studies.

"I'm looking forward to the college life," she said.

A native of Okinawa, Japan, Dudnick dropped out of school in the ninth grade to help support her family after her parents died. As a teenager, she worked in Okinawa to help her younger brother finish school.

She met her husband, Douglas, while he was serving as a Marine helicopter pilot at the U.S. military base in Okinawa.

In 1972, she moved to America and got married a year later. Dudnick could have gone through the naturalization process, but at the time she didn't think it was important to become a U.S. citizen.

After struggling through minimum-wage jobs, Dudnick realized her ticket to better pay was an education.

"I always wanted to complete high school," said Dudnick, who added she has been studying for the GED since 1982. Her husband's frequent moves and the need to work made her studies difficult, she said.

But settling in Missoula last June gave Dudnick a chance to get her GED, become a U.S. citizen and consider college.



Terry Stella/Kaimin

FUMIKO DUDNICK stands in front of the Willard Adult Learning Center, where she has studied to become a U.S. citizen and to enroll at UM. Dudnick, who immigrated from Okinawa, Japan, 23 years ago, planned to register to vote immediately after receiving her U.S. citizenship Thursday.

She got her GED at age 50 after studying at the Willard Adult Learning Center in Missoula. Her achievements netted her a national award which she received in Washington D.C. last week.

Dudnick said her education will be a shortcut to a better career. She is now thinking about what type of business she'll start.

But the time she spent cracking the books has already helped her get her citizenship.

"I studied 26 amendments and the Bill of Rights," said Dudnick, who added that the citizenship test was written.

The right to vote was a

major reason Dudnick wanted to get her citizenship. She said she's excited about voting in the November election. For a long time she didn't know which political party to support, but said her time in America has given her definite opinions about which candidates to support at the ballot booth. She will vote Democrat, she said.

Speaking of Okinawa, where American bases have been a target of controversy, Dudnick said she hopes the bases stay because they play an important role in Asia.

"Not all of Okinawans want the GIs to leave," she said.

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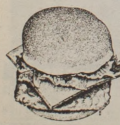
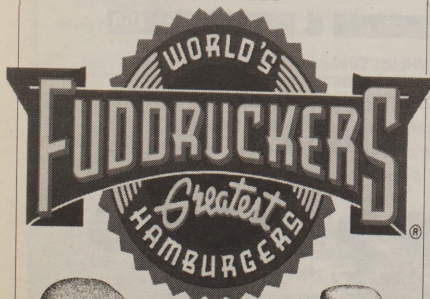
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Attorney says: Rubber checks can bounce writer into jail

Editor's note: this is the second part in a two-part series on writing bad checks.

Jennifer McKee
Kaimin Reporter

Tearing a million-dollar hole in Missoula's economy, bad checks aren't as benign as their bouncy image implies.

The County Attorney's office collected close to \$300,000 last year from bad check writers, said Deputy County Attorney Fred Van Valkenburg.

And those dollars represent only the 25 percent of cases the office was able to prosecute, Van Valkenburg said. Close to \$700,000 is still outstanding.

"There's not much sympathy for anybody who continues to write bad checks," he said Wednesday.

One bounced check isn't criminal, Van Valkenburg said, but any bad check for more than \$500 or any trio of returned checks is a felony. A bounced check for any amount could be prosecuted as a misdemeanor charge if the writer refuses to pay it off.

Van Valkenburg said his office takes bad checks seriously.

"If you send the message that it's okay to bounce a check, you get a lot more of them," he said. "If there's a person who's done it two or three times before, I'll press for a prison sentence."

But most of the thousands of checks Missoulians bounce every week never make it to court, said Marge Larson, operations manager at First Interstate Bank.

The bank processes close to 300 bounced checks every day, she said, stemming mainly from forgotten cash card withdrawals and lazy bookkeeping.

"A lot of students haven't even been shown how to use a checkbook," Larson said. "They think, 'I've got all this money,' and they write check after

check."

While most students are good customers, Larson said offering a checking account to a college student brings a certain risk.

"We lose some money on it," she said. "We have to write off a lot of bad debt."

Local businesses also eat losses when a check bounces and the writer never comes clean.

Tim France, owner of Worden's Market, said the city's bustling batch of bad checks costs him money, especially when people move away before they've paid all their debts.

"If you've got a check that has no current information, there's no way to collect," he said.

And some people leave for the summer or move away and may not know they left behind a rubber check, France said, adding that only about 1 percent of all the checks he receives bounce.

A bad check doesn't bounce without direction, said Jeff Koch of Credit Bureau Services, a Missoula collection agency.

If the bank doesn't cover the check, most merchants mail the bad check writer a notice, usually giving the person 10 days to pay it off, Koch said. After that, most merchants seek the help of a collection agency.

"Our business is to assist the merchant," Koch said. "We certainly don't come out attempting to be mean."

Credit Bureau Services charges its own penalty fee, but if the check bouncer ignores the notice, Koch said his company will file a civil suit.

"If that's what it takes, that's what we're prepared to do," he said.

Court is a reality check for most bad-check writers, Van Valkenburg said.

"Most people realize that this is serious stuff when they're before a judge," he said.



BRENNIA GLIDEWELL, 11 months old, has a picnic with her 4-year-old brother, Geoffrey and their grandmother Carolyn at Silver's Lagoon, Thursday afternoon.

Nite Kourt volleyball lives on

Neomi Van Horn
Kaimin Reporter

Nite Kourt is here to stay, at least for this year.

Organizers say the first Nite Kourt of the semester was a success, thanks to the support of campus organizations which are committed to offering UM students an alternative to the downtown bar scene.

Nite Kourt's future was shaky last semester because of funding problems.

This semester, 12 campus organizations, including ASUM, Student Health Services and Residence Life, contributed to Nite Kourt's \$11,000 budget.

The money will support approximately seven more Nite Kourts this year, said Candy Holt, UC programs director.

Between 150 and 250 students attended last month's Nite Kourt, which offered indoor and outdoor volleyball, basketball, a bonfire and hot dog roast on "The Beach" next to McGill Hall.

Nite Kourt is targeted at underage dorm residents who have no money and no place to go on weekends, said Jeff Skalsky, the interim student coordinator of Nite Kourt.

Once a student coordinator for Nite Kourt is hired next week, the committee will be

able to put the budget toward some "really unique and unusual Nite Kourts...something that will grab people," Skalsky said.

The final goal is for Nite Kourt to be an activity run for students and by students, he said.

Tentative plans include a Velcro Olympics, and an "Escape from Griz Stadium" obstacle-course event involving helicopters and the ROTC. They just need to get past the red tape first, Skalsky said. Even the bonfire at the last Nite Kourt was hard to get approved, he said.

The next Nite Kourt will be October 19.

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Cooley to speak against violence

Gretchen Schwartz
Kaimin Reporter

If Missoula didn't have a safe shelter for women to gather, there would probably be more dead women, said Lisa Cooley, a victim of domestic abuse and speaker at Sunday's opening ceremony of the "YWCA Week Without Violence" October 6-13.

Cooley wants to tell battered women about her experiences with the YWCA and the police department. In early September, Cooley's husband kept Lisa and her child hostage in her west-side residence as squat-team surveillance surrounded the house. Lisa managed to escape, but Marty Cooley killed himself, a threat he repeatedly issued.

Domestic violence calls come into the police station 24 hours a day, Missoula Chief of Police Pete Lawrensen said Thursday. Lawrensen will also speak at the opening ceremony of the

national event. The week-long conference will use workshops, classes and presentations to focus on victims of violence and possible solutions.

Society has underlying hostility and bigotry, often in the form of racial, religious and ethnic intolerance, said Lawrensen, the 20-year veteran of the police department.

"Missoula is not immune to violence—but is not beyond help," he said.

Officers are trained to deal with domestic violence cases, Lawrensen said, because it is the police's responsibility to help eliminate family violence. Officers must make an arrest for a domestic abuse accusation and the third domestic offense is a felony, said Lawrensen, who is involved in the annual event for the first time, but claimed he wants the week without violence, "expanded, expanded and expanded."

Cooley said Missoula's police department is lacking for a

town with a "large community of domestic violence." She said she had called 9-1-1 at least 10 times since June with complaints of violence.

"They don't arrest them (domestic abusers)," Cooley said. "They just calm them down and send them back or give them a ticket."

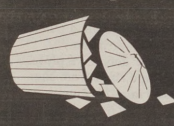
In domestic abuse trials, the courts don't ask the women to testify and the judge usually sets the abusers free due to over-crowded jails, Cooley said.

The opening ceremony is at 7:00 p.m. Sunday at the First United Methodist Church. Other speakers will include journalist Woody Kipp, Tibetan Buddhist Tom Dailey and members of RESPECT, a Heligade High School committee to combat discrimination and violence.

The events are presented by the YWCA of Missoula in conjunction with the Jeannette Rankin Peace Resource Center and UM's Women's Center.

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Three Miller residents caught with marijuana

Jennifer McKee
Kaimin Reporter

University Police slapped three count residents with three counts of drug possession and two counts of possession of paraphernalia Tuesday.

Christopher Peterson and Kjell Hansen, both of Miller Hall, and Joshua Shepard, of Duniway, have eight days to enter pleas in City Court on the misdemeanor charges.

Officers caught the 19-year-olds with marijuana and two hash pipes in a Miller Hall dorm room, said University Sgt. Dick Thurman.

The trio apparently shared

the marijuana, but only Peterson and Hansen owned pipes, Thurman said.

Another resident tipped officers of possible drug use earlier, according to police reports.

Thurman said he wasn't sure how much marijuana the three had, but said that officers didn't find enough pot to charge the three with felony possession.

They could spend up to a year in jail and pay a \$500 fine if convicted, Thurman said, adding that such a strict sentence is rare.

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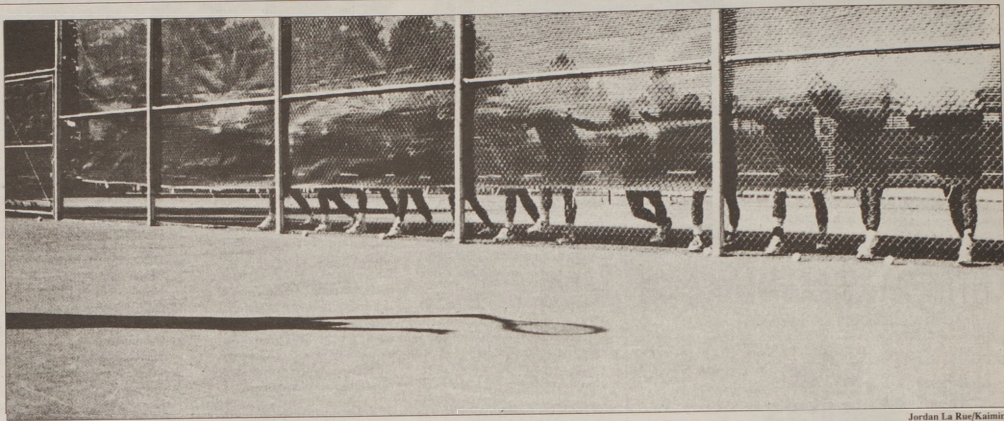
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Sports



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THE UM men's tennis team stretch out while watching the women's team finish practicing. The two teams have their first match at home this weekend.

Undefeated Griz return to face Southern Utah

Carly Nelson
Kaimin Sports Editor

Southern Utah quarterback Joe Dupaix and fullback Brook Madsen will give the proven Griz defense a run-for-its-money this Saturday at Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

"Their quarterback is the key to the whole thing," head coach Mick Dennehy said. "The Madsen kid is another dynamic player. The key is for us to put as much pres-

sure as we can on those two."

The Thunderbirds "competed pretty well against some good teams," Dennehy said.

NCAA independent Southern Utah, 3-2, has defeated the likes of Rocky Mountain, Western State of Colorado and Montana Tech. The Thunderbirds also put up a good fight against third-ranked Northern Iowa at home, losing 41-31.

Offensively, Dennehy said Thunderbird coach Rich Ellerson uses a flex-bone

offense.

"Our model of success is throwing the ball no matter what we see," Dennehy said. "They would rather run the ball, and run the ball."

The Griz offense will be facing a "Thunder Swarm" defense, a formation that Ellerson developed when he worked at Arizona.

"Their defensive philosophy came right from the horse's mouth," Dennehy said. "They'll give our offense a little more pressure than

we like to see. It's another challenge for our offensive linemen."

Dennehy said this week's practice has been productive, particularly for the Griz offense.

"The kids are looking good," he said. "This team improves every week."

Sophomore wide receiver Raul Pacheco said the offense's consistency should improve this weekend.

"During practice, we've been using a lot of repetition

to get things straightened out," Pacheco said.

Sophomore quarterback Brian Ah Yat, who is 24-40 for 453 yards, will start his third game this season.

"Ah Yat's got the right amount of confidence going into the game," Dennehy said.

Kick off is at 1:35 p.m., Saturday, at Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

"We've had a good week of practice," Dennehy said. "Good lord willing, we'll find some of their weaknesses."

Spikers rebound with home victory

Bill Foley
Kaimin Sports Reporter

Sometimes, home court can make all the difference.

After struggling on the road last weekend, the Lady Griz volleyball team swept past Big Sky newcomer Portland State in three straight games last night in Dahlberg Arena.

"We played a lot more comfortable tonight," UM head coach Dick Scott said of his team returning home. "That's typical of a team that has a lot of youth."

The Lady Griz played tough defense and improved their offense, which struggled in past weeks, to put away the team that has the best series record against UM. Portland State owned a 23-2 record over UM heading into the contest.

The win came despite the absence of sophomore middle hitter Paige Merritt, who will be out at least two weeks with a shin stress fracture.

The all-around play of freshman Sarah Parsons and middle play junior Dana Bennish helped the Lady Griz fill the void, Scott said.

"Sarah played tough in the back court and served real well,"

Scott said. "Her jump serve is a real weapon for us."

"Dana made some key blocks for us. She was really into the match. She's our go-to player and we need her to play like she is."

Bennish said it is her job as a junior to step up her game and show leadership.

"I have to come out, play hard and set a good example," she said.

The win improves the Lady Griz's record to 2-3 in conference play and 5-8 overall. Portland State falls to 0-5 in the conference, 8-9 overall.

The Lady Griz will stay home to battle Eastern Washington Saturday night in a Big Sky Conference match.

UM holds an impressive 35-3 series record over the Eagles dating back to 1978, but Scott said that is a misleading stat.

"No matter what their record is, we always have a battle with Eastern," he said. "Very few matches have been blow outs."

"They have some players who can bring on some heat," Scott added. "They are playing with confidence right now, and they'll be a real challenge for us."

First serve Saturday night is at 7:30 in Dahlberg Arena.

Mathieson's career no small 'feet'

Cody Raithel
Kaimin Sports Reporter

UM soccer midfielder Courtney Mathieson said having 12 different players from the same state on one team can transform former rivals into friends.

"I knew a lot of the players in high school," Mathieson said, who graduated from Redmond, Wash. "But I didn't get along with some of them until we came here, and now we are good friends."

Mathieson said training in the summer is much easier when you have some friends around.

Mathieson has been playing soccer for 13 years. She started playing rec-league soccer in California. She then moved to Washington in the seventh grade, and began playing for select teams.

The 5'7" junior midfielder said she came to UM after high school because of head coach Betsy Duerksen.

"I went to a camp at Washington State University, which Betsy was at, and I really liked her coaching style," Mathieson said.

Mathieson, who played at Redmond High School for three years, was familiar with Duerksen's three-year, 69-36-

3, record at Seattle University.

"(Duerksen) is a great coach who understands the potential of her players," Mathieson said.

In her three-year career for UM, Mathieson has started in all 42 games, scored 29 goals and dished off 12 assists for a total of 70 points. She also is Montana's leader for game winning goals with 13.

This season, Mathieson has started in all 10 of UM's games. She is second on the team in scoring with 14 points. Mathieson has also recorded six assists and four goals and one game-winning goal. Montana is ranked fifth in the region in scoring with 3.10 goals per game.

Mathieson said the fundamental difference between this season and previous ones is her move from forward to midfielder.

"I play on the mid-right side, which means I play the whole right sideline," Mathieson said. "I do a lot of cross passes."

Mathieson said she likes playing midfielder because she is able to give her teammates more assists.

This weekend, Montana will play 18th ranked Wisconsin-Madison (5-2-2), which made the NCAA tourna-

ment last season. Though the game will take place on a neutral field, Mathieson said it will still be a challenge for her team. The game is in Pullman, Wash., on Sunday.

Wisconsin-Madison has played against four nationally ranked teams this year, losing 3-1 at the hands of defending national champion Notre Dame. The Badgers are ranked second in the Great Lakes Region.

UM will also face off against Wisconsin-Milwaukee on Saturday. They are 4-4 on the season.

"This weekend is a tough game, and we have to play every team like they are nationally ranked and kill the lesser teams," Mathieson said.

Duerksen said the Griz will have to use the tough defense that they have depended on all season.

"It's there if we want it. We just have to play consistently the rest of the year," Mathieson said.

Mathieson said the Big Sky Conference is looking to women's soccer for the future.

"They are talking about having a full conference next year," Mathieson said. "I think it would be a pretty cool feeling to play in a conference championship."

'Emergency contraception' gains acceptance at UM

■ What Planned Parenthood calls a safe alternative, pro-lifers say is a 'morning-after abortion'

Néomi Van Horn
Kaimin Reporter

Years after its invention, many women are just discovering birth control pills can be used as an emergency contraceptive both before and after unprotected sex.

"We should be really angry," said Deborah Frandsen, executive director of Planned Parenthood of Missoula. "A lot of us would have had fewer sleepless nights as young women if we had known."

Emergency contraception pills are ordinary birth control pills that deliver a short, high burst of hormones that can prevent pregnancy within 72 hours after unprotected sex, according to information from Princeton University. And these pills are currently available to UM students.

Nancy Fitch, director of the Student Health Service, said the SHS dispenses emergency contraception 10 to 20 times a

month, usually because of a broken condom.

But Student Health Services doesn't widely advertise the availability of emergency contraception because some people consider the pills a form of abortion, Fitch said.

"Not that many people (at UM) know about it," she said.

Scientists don't know whether the pills prevent a fertilized egg from attaching to the wall of the uterus, or whether they actually prevent fertilization.

Richard Tappe of the Montana Right to Life Association calls the procedure "a morning-after abortion."

The Right to Life Association opposes procedures that interfere with a fertilized egg, he said.

"The terminology 'morning-

after pill' implies that it is retroactive contraception. It's not...it's a drug designed to kill our children," he said.

Increased national publicity has tripled students' use of these pills in the past 18 months, said Mike Kinsella,

supervisor of UM's pharmacy. "I think it's being used too much," Kinsella said. "It's not a good thing...It's simplistic and dangerous."

He said the increase means more UM students are having unprotected sex.

But Frandsen said she doesn't think people will ignore contraception even if they know about the pro-

cedure. "If people are using it (contraception), they'll keep using it," she said. "There's no danger of changing behavior."

"We need to trust women...I get real cranky with these people who say something like

this will turn us into loose women," Frandsen said.

It's important that women are finally sorting through the

confusion that surrounds the procedure. "The more women know, the better," she said.

Emergency contraception is not the same thing as RU-486, or "the French abortion pill," which hasn't been approved in the United States.

"Emergency contraception" is a more accurate title than the "morning-after pill" because the procedure can be

used more than one day after unprotected sex, and it consists of a series of pills rather than just one, Frandsen said.

A recent study found that most women are uninformed about the procedure because it's an "off-label" use of birth control pills. It is illegal for pharmaceutical companies to advertise birth control pills for this purpose.

Eight pills cost students less than \$6 at the SHS. A patient must first take a pregnancy test to make sure she is not already pregnant from an encounter more than 72 hours beforehand.

The patient takes four pills as soon as possible after unprotected sex, and another four pills 12 hours later. The most common side-effects are nausea and vomiting.

Frandsen said she hopes Planned Parenthood will soon be able to pre-prescribe emergency contraception, for those "just-in-case" situations.

"The terminology 'morning-after pill' implies that it is retroactive contraception. It's not...it's a drug designed to kill our children."

—Richard Tappe
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Plan: State's share may rise

preliminary university system plan, accusing its members of causing unnecessary panic within staff members.

"Quite frankly, I guess I wish I was more involved with the university plan," said Schnider, who is a member of the committee that developed the state benefits plan. "I don't really like what I see. I think (committee members) are going in the wrong direction."

Schnider said Interunits Benefits Committee members shouldn't have presented the worst-case scenario—that the state wouldn't contribute any more money to the plans than it did last year.

"I don't think there's anybody around who doesn't think (the Legislature) will increase the state contribution," he said.

Schnider estimated the state will contribute \$245 per employee per month in fiscal year 1996—\$20 more than this year. Interunits Benefits Committee members based hypothetical proposals on this year's contribution of \$225.

But Karen Behan, member of the Interunits Benefits Committee, said committee members didn't want to get employees' hopes up by implying the state would contribute \$245.

"We wanted everyone to know exactly where we would sit," she said. "We all

know that when the Legislature meets, things happen that we have no control over."

Searching for solutions

Schnider warned the staff members that the state plan could eventually wind up in the same predicament as the university plan.

State contributions haven't risen enough in the past three years to make up for medical costs, which are rising at a rate of 9 percent a year, he said. The only financial difference between the plans is that the state plan has a larger surplus and can go three more years until it hits zero, where the university plan is now.

And Schnider was quick to admit that joining the state plan isn't going to solve all their woes.

It will come down to weighing deductibles against premiums in each plan to come up with the best solution, he said.

Staff members, many of whom haven't received substantial raises in recent years, complained that added insurance costs were yet another slap in the face.

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